

REMARKS

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error in the identification of parent application Serial No. 08/692,987.

The claims are amended to clarify several issues.

Claims 3 and 18 are amended to clarify that the reference to "a diameter of no greater than about 5 millimeters" refers to the "encapsulate active halogen bleach source" or the "encapsulate chlorinated isocyanuric acid." This amendment is made to correct antecedent. The Examiner's attention is directed at claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,598 that issued from the great-grandparent application.

Claim 10, 17, and 23-26 are amended to correct antecedents by referring to the "continuous solid phase."

Claim 12 is canceled.

Claim 16 is amended to more clearly refer to the thickness and diameter of the solid, and to remove the characterization of the encapsulate chlorinated isocyanuric acid being evenly dispersed.

Claim 19 is amended to correct antecedent by referring to the "active chlorine source."

Claim 40 is canceled.

Claims 41-43 are amended so that they depend upon claim 1 in view of the cancellation of claim 40.

No new matter or new issues are introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 1-11, 13-28, and 41-45 are active in this application.

The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of claims 40-45 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and a rejection of claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view of the amendment to the claims, it is believed that both rejections have been rendered moot, and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Claims 1-28 and 40-45 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,598 to Olson et al. In view of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

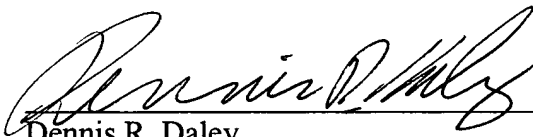
It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

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